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# ILLINOIS RACING BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, November 30, 2010, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:00 a.m. in room 9-040, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Jack Chamblin, Angelo Ciambrone, William Farley, Jr. (telephonic), Tim Martin, Jon Metcalf (telephonic), Allan Monat, Michael Murphy (telephonic), Dr. Paul Smith and Robert Winchester. Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

### ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a request submitted by Fairmount Park, Inc. for a disbursement from the Quarter Horse Purse Fund in the amount of \$48,500, pursuant to Section 27 of the Horse Racing Act. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Chamblin moved to approve a request submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. to vacate live racing on December 22 and 23, 2010 and race live on December 26 and 27, 2010. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

## OCCUPATION LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Monat moved to approve requests submitted by Amtote International, Inc. and Sportech Racing, LLC for totalizator licenses for calendar year 2011. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Michael Fuchek, General Counsel, appeared on behalf Amtote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a request submitted by ODS Technologies, L.P. (TVG Network) for an advance deposit wagering license for calendar year 2011. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Sinopoli moved to approve requests submitted by XpressBet, Inc. and Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company (TwinSpires) for advance deposit wagering licenses for calendar year 2011, condition upon receipt of a consent letter from the ITHA on or before December 20, 2010. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. John Walsh appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course, William "Duke" Johnston and Jim Hannon appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park, and Brad Blackwell appeared on behalf of Churchill Downs and YouBet.

Commissioner Martin moved to defer the YouBet.Com, LLC application for an advance deposit wagering license to December 21, 2010 to allow the parties to resolve all outstanding issues. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### **BOARD ITEMS**

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a charitable grant in the amount of \$750,000 to Racing Industry Charitable Foundation, Inc. pursuant to Section 31.1 of the Horse Racing Act. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. The application submitted by the Illinois HBPA for \$160,000 was denied because it is a business, not a charity, under Section 510(c)(6) of the IRS Tax Code, therefore not a qualified charitable organization. Brian Zander appeared on behalf of Fairmount Park and the Illinois HBPA. Peggy Goetsch, Randy Olech and Dr. Karen Opacich appeared on behalf of the RICF.

#### HEARING

Commissioner Monat moved to uphold the disqualification of "Dean's Kitten" from 3<sup>rd</sup> place to 4<sup>th</sup> place on July 17, 2010, at Arlington Park for initiating contact during the running of the 8<sup>th</sup> race violating IRB rule 1416.5. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Winchester moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Board meeting. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Chamblin motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino

**Executive Director**